

# City of Newport Beach

## Water Quality/Coastal Tidelands Committee Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** July 6, 2017

**Time:** 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Crystal Cove Conference Room, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660

**Meeting Minutes prepared by:** Lucie Delorme

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Vice Chair, Councilmember Jeff Herdman

### 2. Welcome/Self Introductions

**Committee Members present:**

Councilmember Jeff Herdman, Vice Chair  
Carl Cassidy  
George Robertson  
Lou Denger  
Tom Houston  
Dennis Baker  
Fred Galluccio

**Committee Members Absent:**

Councilmember Brad Avery, Chair  
Erin Delman

**Guests present:**

Hoiyin Ip, Sierra Club  
Nancy Gardner, Orange Coast River Park  
Billy Dutton, Help Your Harbor (check if present)  
Darrel Ferguson, Help Your Harbor  
Barbara Barry, CA State Water Board  
Jack Skinner, SPON  
Nancy Skinner, SPON  
Jim Mosher, Resident  
Dale Finke, Newport Bay Conservancy Volunteer  
Monica Mazar, Resident  
Howard Cork

**Staff present:**

John Kappeler, WQ Committee Liaison  
Lucie Delorme, Management Analyst  
George Murdoch, Municipal Operations Director  
Hazel McIntosh, Student Aide  
Bob Stein, Assistant City Engineer

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The agenda for the Water Quality/Coastal Tidelands Committee was posted at 4:30 p.m. on June 23, 2017, in the binder located in the entrance of the Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive.

### 3. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

### 4. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

**Fred Galluccio** noted a correction to the June 1 minutes regarding the addition of **Carl Cassidy** as a subcommittee member to the UCI Ocean's Initiative. Also, **Fred Galluccio** noted **Jeff Herdman** was referred to as John Herdman in the minutes. A motion to approve the June 1, 2017 minutes was made by **Dennis Baker** and **Carl Cassidy** seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as corrected.

### 5. Current Business

- a) **Statewide Trash Provisions (John Kappeler) (30min)** Presentation and update on the State's Trash Provisions.

**John Kappeler** introduced **Barbara Barry** of the CA State Water Board. **Barbara Barry** gave a presentation on Statewide Trash Provisions. City needs to select a Trash Removal Program (Track 1 or Track 2) by August 2017. If Track 2 is chosen, an implementation plan is due by August 31, 2018. **Dennis Baker** asked if skimmers would be considered as credit. **Barbara Barry** stated that skimmers could be included in a Track 2 program. Barbara notes that cities can change tracks as long as all requirements are met. **Tom Houston** asked if the Trash Provisions applies to all landowners. **Barbara Barry** stated that the provisions cities and the county that have MS4 discharge permits. **John Kappeler** showed a map of the Priority Land Use areas.

**ACTION:** After the meeting **Bob Stein** and **John Kappeler** decided to call vendors to examine the option of installing catch basin inserts at the inlets to the storm drain laterals.

Based on the comments, **Jeff Herdman** summarized we have Track 1 or Track 2 as options and Track 2 seems to be the likely option. State Board needs to be notified by August 31, 2017 on the Track selection. **Bob Stein** stated Newport should be the example for upstream cities.

**ACTION:** **John Kappeler** will notify the State Board of the City's Track Selection.

- b) **Newport Bay Underwater Cleanup (Billy Dutton) (10 min)** Recap of Newport Bay's first underwater cleanup.

**Billy Dutton** presented an overview of the Cleanup held at Balboa Bay Club. One hundred three (102) divers, twelve Duffy boats deployed to four locations for two hours. Fourteen environmental organizations participated. Two hundred fifty five (255) visitors. The cost

for the cleanup program was \$7,500. This successful event collected 1,100 lbs. of trash. **Dennis Baker** asked if next year the entire Bay could be included. **Billy Dutton** responded the goal is to determine how this program can be expanded to be more efficient and effective. **Jeff Herdman** thanked **Billy Dutton** for the event.

- c) **UCI Oceans Sub-Committee Report (George Robertson) (10 min)** Sub-committee update and recommendations for a pilot project.

**George Robertson** provided an update on the subcommittee's activities. **George Robertson** is working with UCI to develop a project proposal to install instruments to measure chemical or sediment fluxes from the harbor during the wet (winter) and dry (summer/fall).

- d) **Plastic Use in the City of Newport Beach (Hoiyin Ip) (10 min)** Update and presentation from the Sierra Club on plastic use in the City of Newport Beach.

**Hoiyin Ip** gave a presentation on single use plastics. A significant percentage of trash is comprised of single use plastics. **Hoiyin Ip** presented alternatives to using plastic with associated costs. **Jeff Herdman** asked how Manhattan Beach is enforcing the ban of all single use plastics. **Dennis Baker** asked **John Kappeler** if restaurants could be provided a list of comparable products with costs. **Fred Galluccio** asked if this would be difficult for Newport Beach to implement. **Dennis Baker** said banning all single use plastics would be difficult. **Nancy Gardner** commented, politically, restrictions are not popular. **George Robertson** commented that an action plan is needed with goals and objectives. **Bob Stein** agreed the presentation needs action items. **Fred Galluccio** said the goal should be to eliminate single use plastics. **Jeff Herdman** commented that a presentation to the Council will need to show a clear need in order to gain support. **Tom Houston** suggested showing a film by Charlie Moore to gain buy in from the public. **Jeff Herdman** said the only way to obtain buy in is to ban. **Jeff Herdman** proposed putting the item on the October agenda.

**ACTION:** **Bob Stein** and **Fred Galluccio** will work on preparing an action plan.

## 6. Old Business

- a) **2017 Committee Goals (20 min)** 2017 Committee goals presentation.

**Bob Stein** presented the Committee Goals and Objectives on behalf of **Mark Vukojevic** who was unable to attend.

**Bob Stein** first suggested that a committee member sponsor each objective and be responsible for monitoring the progress of that objective. **George Robertson** suggested committee members sponsor goals instead of objectives. **Jeff Herdman** and **Carl Cassidy** agreed. **Carl Cassidy** commented the goals and objectives need solid action items. **Nancy Gardner** mentioned the Education Goal action items are weak and **Bob Stein** and **Dennis Baker** will work together on those.

**Bob Stein** briefed the committee on the Water Wheel project (Trash Goal Objective 1) Preliminary engineering is moving forward and the project is being proposed as a regional project. **Louis Denger** and Bob discussed design and costs. **Jeff Herdman** asked **Billy Dutton** to be the objective sponsor along with **Brad Avery**.

**John Kappeler** provided a briefing on:

- Installing three new trash skimmers in the harbor (Trash Reduction Goal – Objective 5),
- The Polaris Drive trash interceptor (Trash Reduction Goal – Objective 6),
- The Harbor Hazardous Waste drop-off program, as well as the plant to add vessel pump out and bilge pump out stations (Harbor Goal- Objectives 1 and 2), and
- The design for the Arches Diversion project (Urban Runoff Goal – Objective 6).

**Bob Stein** provided a brief update on the construction of the Santa Ana-Delhi Channel Diversion project (Trash Reduction Goal – Objective 7) and monitoring in Big Canyon Creek (Urban Runoff Goal – Objective 2).

**Bob Stein** asked if the Committee wants to approve the goals and objectives. **Dennis Baker** moved to approve and **Tom Houston** seconded.

**Action: Approved**

- b) **Bay and Ocean Bacteriological Test Results (John Kappeler) (5 min)** Review and discussion of recent water quality test results within Newport Bay and along the ocean shoreline.

**Monica Mazar** presented data on recent water quality test results. Test results show improvements.

- c) **Newport Aquatics Center (NAC) Sub-committee Report (Dennis Baker) (5 min)** Subcommittee report on the NAC water quality project.

**Dennis Baker** noted that he is working now with **Bob Stein** on the design.

## **7. Committee Announcements or Matters Which Members would like Placed on a Future Agenda for Discussion, Action or Report**

**Fred Galluccio** proposed that *fracking* be discussed.

## **8. Public Comments On Non-Agenda Items**

**Nancy Skinner** shared a Laguna Beach flyer and requested the Committee support **George Murdoch** on wastewater upgrades. **George Murdoch** provided an update on Wastewater Rates, Finance Committee approved and the next step is a Study Session presentation to Council.

**John Kappeler** asked if Fusco should present on the Water Wheel, consensus was yes.

**9. Set Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 3:00 pm in the Crystal Cove Conference Room, located at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

**10. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made. The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

  
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Chair / Brad Avery